

Eligible veterans will receive monthly benefits of \$1,000

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler, a member of the House Veterans Affairs' Committee, today announced his support of legislation that will provide eligible WWII veterans with necessary benefits. The bill would create a compensation fund that would provide living WWII merchant mariners with monthly benefits of \$1,000.

"I'm proud to co-sponsor and help pass legislation that will give back to the brave men and women who served during World War II," Congressman Adler said. "Our region is home to the largest community of WWII veterans, and after all these years, they deserve their fair share. These funds will make a real difference in the lives of our local heroes."

The bill, which Congressman Adler voted for today in the House Veterans Affairs' Committee, establishes a Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund in the general fund of the U.S. Treasury and directs the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to make monthly payments in the amount of \$1,000 to qualifying members of the United States Merchant Marine, who served during World War II. The benefits will support merchant mariners who were not eligible for the 1944 GI Bill.

Congressman Adler's district, which includes Cherry Hill and parts of Ocean and Burlington counties, has over 66,000 veterans. Congressman Adler is the only New Jersey Representative on the Veterans Affairs' Committee.